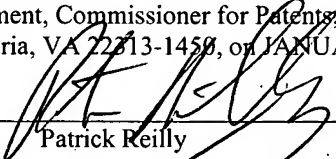


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>In re application of:</p> <p>BAUER, ROSS W.</p> <p>Serial No.: 10/790,376</p> <p>Filed: 03/01/2004</p> <p>Title: <b>Protective cover for a motorized vehicle engine hood</b></p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 3644</p> <p>Examiner: SHAW, Elizabeth A.</p> <p>Docket: RB-001-US</p> <p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as First Class Mail in a postage-paid envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on JANUARY 8, 2010.</p> <p>Signed:  Patrick Reilly</p>
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

This Applicant's Response is in reply to the USPTO's Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment as mailed on December 8, 2009.

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- Applicant's Response with corrected Claims 5 and 11;
- Copy of Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Confirmation No. 4254;  
and
- Self-addressed stamped postcard.

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Applicant has amended the claims language that was not underlined or improperly bracketed in Claims 5 and 11. Claim 5 has been amended so that the overly long eight-letter term "provides" is no longer improperly bracketed, but has been stricken out. Claim 11 has been amended so that the added phrase "is shaped as" has been reformatted and is presently underlined.

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**Status of Claims**

Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are pending

Claims 13, 14 and 18-20 are allowed.

Claims 4-6 and 10 are objected to.

Claim 12 is cancelled.

5 Claims 1-3, 7-9, 11 and 15-17 are rejected.

Claims 1, 3-6, 10, 11 and 115 are currently amended.

Please note the Claims as presently amended and listed on pages 3-6 herein.